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Carnival 57 has arrived

SAN NICOLAS - Early this morning, starting at 4 am, the streets of San Nicolas were filled with Jouvert Morning participants and spectators all dress in their pajamas for the Caribbean's largest Pajama Party. This afternoon, those same streets will be chockfull for the San Nicolas Grand Parade which starts at 1 pm. On Sunday, Aruba will celebrate the 57th Annual Grand Parade in Oranjestad at 1PM. Thousands of tireless carnivalistas parade for hours under the tropical sun and starlit skies, adorned in the sequins, feathers, glitter and beads of ostentatious and creative costumes and headpieces. □



STALEMATE



Gadhafi tightens his grip on Tripoli

By David D. Kirkpatrick
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TRIPOLI, Libya – A state of terror has seized two working-class neighborhoods here that just a week ago exploded in revolt, with residents reporting constant surveillance, searches of cars and even cell phones by militiamen with Kalashnikovs at block-by-block checkpoints and a rash of disappearances of those involved in last week's protest. As rebel fighters in the country's east celebrated their defeat raid by hundreds of Col. Moammar Gadhafi's loyalists in the strategic oil town of Brega, many people in Tripoli said they had lost hope that peaceful protests might push the

Libyan leader from power the way street demonstrations had toppled the strongmen in neighboring Egypt and Tunisia. The climate of fear suggests just how effectively the government's ruthless application of force in Tripoli has locked down the city and suppressed simmering rage, even as the rebels have held control of the eastern half of the country and a string of smaller western cities surrounding the capital. "I think the people know that if they make any protest now they will be killed, so all the people in Tripoli are waiting for someone to help them," one resident said. "It is easy to kill anybody here. I have seen it with my own eyes." Several people in

the two neighborhoods, Feshloom and Tajura, speaking on the condition of anonymity for fear of Gadhafi's secret police, said militias loyal to the colonel were using photos taken at last week's protest to track down the men involved. "They know that there are people who have energy and who are willing to die, so they pick them up," another resident said. Residents of Feshloom showed reporters cell phone photographs taken at Tripoli Central Hospital of a large wound in the chest of a neighbor, Nagi Ali el-Nafishi, 56, and they pointed out a bloodstain on the concrete where he had been shot after leaving a mosque Friday. em? □



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In Wisconsin

Governor warns of layoffs



Wisconsin state workers were bracing for pink slips yesterday.

MADISON, Wis. – Thousands of Wisconsin state workers were bracing for layoff notices as Republican Gov. Scott Walker and absent Democrats remained in a standoff over a budget balancing bill that would also strip public workers of their collective bargaining rights.

Walker said he would issue 1,500 layoff notices if at least one of the 14 Senate Democrats doesn't return from Illinois to give the Republican majority the quorum it needs to vote. Senate Republicans voted Thursday to hold the missing Democrats in contempt and force police to bring them back to the Capitol.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald canceled floor session, saying in a statement that Republican senators want time to allow law enforcement to adjust their staffing levels and "help the Capitol to return to something of a sense of normalcy."

The budget balancing legislation has led to nearly three weeks of protests some attended by tens of thousands of union supporters in and around the state Capitol, which was completely cleared of demonstrators late Thursday for the first time in 17 nights after a judge ordered the building closed during non-business hours.

The final 50 or so protesters left peacefully about two hours after the judge's order, which also said the state unconstitutionally limited access to the building since Monday and ordered the state to grant greater access to the public by next Monday.

"We decided it would be best for our image to leave tonight peacefully and come back tomorrow," said Matt Rowe, 21, of Madison, carrying an armful of blankets after he left the building.

The protesters' dramatic departure capped a day full of developments, including Walker's threat of massive layoffs he said would be needed to make up for savings not being realized in the stalled bill.

Walker says the bill is needed to ease a deficit that is projected to hit \$137 million by July and \$3.6 billion by mid-2013. His proposal comes up with the money for this year in part by forcing state employees to pay for half the cost of their pensions and twice their current health care premiums — concessions equivalent to an 8 percent pay cut. □

Landing in the ocean

NASA satellite rocket launch fails



NASA's Glory satellite lifted off early Friday morning from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, but fell to the sea several minutes later.

WASHINGTON – A rocket carrying an Earth-observation satellite plummeted into the Pacific Ocean after a failed launch attempt the second-straight blow to NASA's weakened environmental monitoring program.

The Taurus XL rocket carrying NASA's Glory satellite lifted off early Friday morning from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, but fell to the sea several minutes later. The same thing happened to another climate-monitoring satellite two years ago with the same type of rocket.

"We failed to make orbit," NASA launch director Omar Baez said at a press conference. "Indications are that the satellite and rocket is in the southern Pacific Ocean somewhere."

Officials explained that a protective shell atop the rocket didn't come off the satellite

as it should have about three minutes after launch. That left the Glory spacecraft without the velocity to reach orbit.

The 2009 failed satellite, which would have studied global warming, crashed into the ocean near Antarctica.

Officials said Glory likely wound up landing in the same area. Both were on Taurus rockets launched by Orbital Sciences Corporation of Dulles, Va.

NASA has already started a board to investigate the mishap. The next NASA Earth sciences launch on a Taurus rocket is scheduled for 2013 but the space agency can still

change launch vehicles if the Taurus proves unreliable, NASA Earth Science Director Mike Freilich told The Associated Press.

"I don't know if that's necessary or not," Freilich said. "We're not going to fly on a vehicle in which we don't have confidence."

The \$424 million mission is managed by the NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. NASA paid Orbital about \$54 million to launch Glory, according to Orbital spokesman Barron Beneski. The Taurus rocket has launched nine times, six of them successfully. □

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In New Jersey

Governor wants reform of teacher ratings



New Jersey Governor Chris Christie.

TRENTON, New Jersey—New Jersey Governor Chris Christie on Thursday recommended teachers be rated on the basis of student performance, adding to the debate over job evaluations as states look to layoffs to address budget gaps.

The release of the Christie administration's blueprint for schools, relying heavily on teacher evaluations based on student achievement, comes on the heels of his proposed fiscal 2012 budget seeking increased pension and health-care contributions from state employees.

New Jersey faces a deficit projected at \$10.5 billion.

The question of how teachers are evaluated helping determine who is in line to be laid off has grown acute as states grapple with the costs of unionized public employees.

"You walk into a school, and everybody knows who the good teachers are and who the bad teachers are," Christie said at a news conference at the statehouse.

In New York City, Mayor Michael Bloomberg advocates a system of laying off teachers based on performance rather than the more traditional basis

of seniority.

Christie, a rising star in the Republican Party, has been at odds with the state's unions, including the teachers' New Jersey Education Association. Union leaders say they are open to higher payments but say Christie has demonized them.

"Their charge is to protect the worst teachers," Christie said on Thursday.

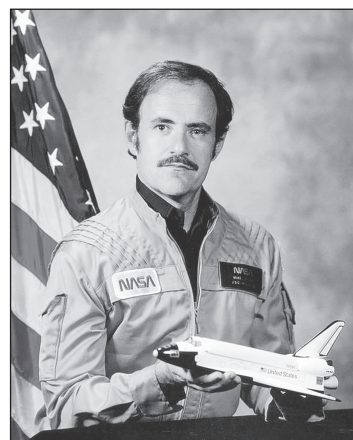
As Christie spoke, shouts from a rally outside of police officers and firefighters could be heard, voicing concern over Christie's proposed budget.

Asked by reporters what impact the demonstration had on him, Christie replied: "Zero."

Christie said he is not against collective bargaining a hot-button issue in other states struggling to close budget gaps but he said he preferred state-wide contracts rather than contracts with each of the state's municipalities.

In Wisconsin, which has been leading the charge in the battle over public sector unions, Gov. Scott Walker is proposing to strip them of most collective bargaining powers. □

Veteran shuttle Astronaut dies



JOHN "MIKE" LOUNGE

HOUSTON — Former astronaut John "Mike" Lounge, who flew into orbit as part of three space shuttle crews, including the first mission after the 1986 Challenger disaster, died on Tuesday at age 64, NASA said on Thursday.

A posting on the authoritative space flight history website collectSpace.com said Lounge, a Colorado native and decorated Navy aviator during the Vietnam War, succumbed to complications from liver cancer.

Lounge began his NASA career in 1978 at the Johnson Space Center, serving as lead engineer for space shuttle-launched satellites and as a member of the Skylab reentry

flight control team.

He became an astronaut himself in 1981 and flew his first shuttle mission, aboard Discovery, in 1985. In September 1988, Lounge joined another Discovery crew for NASA's first shuttle mission following the explosion of the Challenger some 2 1/2 years earlier.

His third and final space flight came in December 1990 aboard the space shuttle Columbia.

Over the course of all three shuttle flights, Lounge logged a total of 20 days, two hours and 23 minutes in orbit, according to collectSpace. News of his death came as Discovery orbited the Earth for what is scheduled to be its final mission in space.

Lounge went on to serve as the chief of NASA's Space Station Support Office, representing astronaut interests in space station design and planning until his retirement from the space agency in 1991.

"All of us at the Johnson Space Center are deeply saddened by the passing of former astronaut Mike Lounge," Michael Coats, director of the center, said. □



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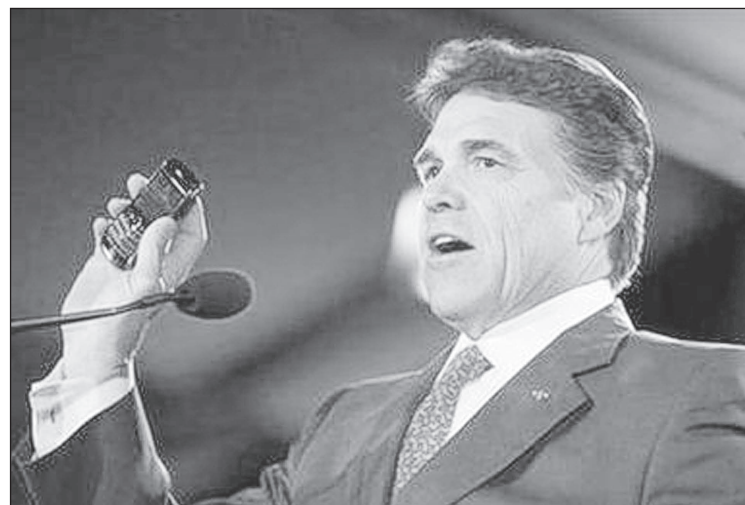
Sonogram now required before abortion

AUSTIN, Tex — Women seeking an abortion would have to first get an ultrasound under a measure approved on Thursday by the Texas House of Representatives.

The proposal, the first significant bill considered by the House this year, was designated by Republican Governor Rick Perry as an emergency priority. A similar measure has already been approved by the state Senate.

Women would have to get an ultrasound between 24 and 72 hours before an abortion, the bill says. They would view the sonogram, hear an explanation of the image and listen to the heartbeat, if it is audible.

"We want to make sure that they're fully informed, that



Republican Governor Rick Perry

they understand the medical consequences, the psychological consequences and everything involved in the procedure," said the bill's author, Republican state Rep. Sid Miller. Opponents said that the requirement would traumatize

women already in a difficult situation. During debate on the House floor, bill opponent Rep. Carol Alvarado held up a trans-vaginal probe used for sonograms early in pregnancy to illustrate what she called a "very intrusive process." □

Pork board swaps slogan 'White Meat' to 'Be Inspired'

DES MOINES, Iowa – “The Other White Meat” has another slogan.

The National Pork Board replaced the decades-old ad campaign with a new message: “Pork: Be Inspired.”

Board officials said after nearly 25 years, it was time to move on from the old message that compared pork to chicken and instead try to increase sales by focusing on the estimated 82 million

Americans who already eat pork. “The overall goal is to move sales of our product,” said Ceci Snyder, the Des Moines, Iowa-based board’s vice president of marketing. “We want to increase pork sales by 10 percent by 2014. To do that, we needed to make a stronger connection, a more emotional connection to our product.”

Pork sales totaled about \$117 per person in 2010. Pork consumption averages about 50 pounds per person per year, according to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Snyder said research done by the Pork Board shows 28 percent of U.S. households make up nearly 70 percent of the nation’s at-home consumption of fresh pork. The new campaign is aimed at getting existing pork consumers to think more about how they can incorporate it into their meal planning.

“We want to move that needle, go after that core group of consumers,” she said. “These people love pork, know how to prepare it and are eager to share recipes.”

The new marketing effort marks the end to a ubiquitous advertising slogan launched in 1987 to convince consumers that pork was healthy and had fewer calories than most people thought. The campaign stemmed a decline in pork consumption, Snyder said.

Times have changed and with consumption continuing to be flat, Snyder said it’s time to take pork in a new direction.

Pork remains behind beef and chicken in consumption, according to the USDA. Americans ate about 61 pounds of beef per capita last year and about 80 pounds of chicken. While beef consumption has been gradually declining and pork consumption has remained flat, chicken consumption has increased in the past two decades, the USDA data shows. □



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Retired FBI agent Robert Levinson

From cold case to red hot!

WASHINGTON – In an instant, the disappearance of retired FBI agent Robert Levinson in Iran went from a cold case to something very hot. After nearly four years without word about what happened to Levinson, his family received proof late last year that the father of seven was alive. It was a dramatic development that sharply intensified diplomatic efforts to bring him home. Until then, there had never been any evidence of whether Levinson was alive or dead since he disappeared

in March 2007 from the Iranian island of Kish. It remains unclear who is holding Levinson or where he is, but the proof that he is alive was a hopeful sign that whoever has him was willing to negotiate for his release. “It has been almost four years since I have seen my beloved husband Robert Levinson,” his wife, Christine, said in a statement on the family’s website. “Our family is tremendously encouraged by the news Bob is alive but remains concerned for his safety and well-being.”



The AP has known about the proof that Levinson is alive since shortly after it arrived but delayed reporting it because officials said any publicity would jeopardize getting Levinson home safely. □

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In Fla. children's death probe

Police search home of suspect

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — A convicted felon suspected in the deaths of two children found in a South Florida canal was jailed unrelated weapons charges as police scoured his home for evidence.

Court records show the weapons charge dates to 2009, when officers found a homemade silencer inside a bag with a knit hat and a Halloween mask that they said belonged to Clay Beauchamp, 34, of Delray Beach. Beauchamp has not been charged with any crime related to the children's deaths, but police said he was their only suspect. Investiga-



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dence. After being questioned in the children's deaths by Delray Beach police Thursday night, federal agents charged Beauchamp on the unrelated weapons charge, which will keep him behind bars as the investigation continues. Court documents show the silencer was found in the trunk of a repossessed car that belonged to a woman neighbors said was Beauchamp's girlfriend.

Beauchamp denied any involvement with the silencer, according to court documents. It's not yet known if he has an attorney. Authorities said they still hadn't received autopsy reports on the children and weren't releasing their identities or their relationship to Beauchamp. Neighbors of the suspect have described a complicated family tree in which multiple children of different mothers lived with him. □

In Minneapolis

Sex offender seeks to be discharged

MINNEAPOLIS — John Rydberg showed no mercy on the night in 1975 when he broke into a rural Wisconsin home and raped a young couple as their son slept upstairs or four years later, when he raped a Minnesota woman at knifepoint in front of her children. He will seek mercy for himself, trying to convince a judicial panel he is a changed man who deserves release after nearly two decades in Minnesota's sex offender treatment program. If he gets the provisional discharge he's seeking, the 68-year-old Rydberg would be released to a Twin Cities halfway house with a GPS ankle bracelet and a long list of conditions to follow. If he behaves, he may become the first person permanently freed from the state's civil commitment program for sex offenders since it started in 1994.

While the stakes are high for Rydberg, they're high for Minnesota, too. treatment center campus with no escort, and he takes occasional.

In California

Protesters end ledge protest at UC Berkeley



Eight protesters had refused to budge from a fourth-floor ledge

BERKELEY, Calif. — An hours-long protest over state education budget cuts that drew riot police to Berkeley ended late Thursday when demonstrators occupying part of a building voluntarily withdrew, the university said.

Eight protesters, who had refused to budge from a fourth-floor ledge of Wheeler Hall at the University of California, Berkeley, came down after talks with campus leaders. They were cited for trespassing and released, according to university police.

The peaceful ending came after riot police faced off earlier in the day with a growing number of demonstrators angry over state cuts to the University of California. Shortly after the start of the protest, police said officers arrested one protester. Before the protest subsided, television live shots showed hundreds of protesters on the ground yelling and chanting, while a line of police in riot gear and carrying batons surrounded the building. UC Berkeley police Lt. Alex Yao estimated there were about 200 demonstrators. UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert Birgeneau ordered the building closed at 4 p.m., and police began moving students, faculty and staff from the area, according to the university. University officials said 26 classes were canceled, impacting more than 1,000 students.

Thursday's protest followed demonstrations against state education cuts on Wednesday that led to the arrests of 17 people for trespassing who university police said refused to leave a campus building. The protest Wednesday was part of a day of action by students around the country opposed to education cuts. □

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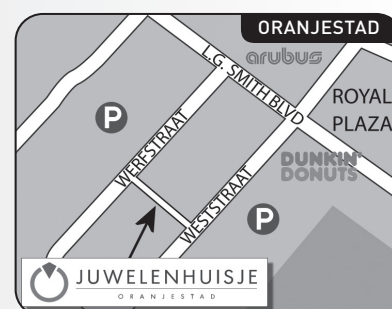
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At the Divi Phoenix

Sales team celebrates record breaking performances

PALM BEACH – An informal recognition ceremony at Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort recognized top performers for January & February of 2011. Director of Sales Christy Garrido reports that her team exceeded its sales goals two months in a row, they have surpassed all expectations, she says, delivering stellar performances over the past 2 months, with record-breaking

sales figures for January and February 2011.

Garrido praised In-House Sales Executive Rosy Russell and Sales Line Executives Evelyn Peltier, Andreas Dorer and Miguel Daza for their hard work also highlighting the efforts made by Sales Managers Ruben Pietersz & Joanne Greeley in support of their line people.

The team met at the Sales Gal-



lery to celebrate the champions of the third quarter of 2010 Ruben Pietersz for the month October 2010, Joanne Greeley for the month November 2010 and Hubert Cunha for the month December 2010.

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Divi undertook an investment of \$115 million thus far, Garrido adds, upgrading facilities and amenities to provide a higher quality holiday experiences, thus becoming the true champion of Caribbean vacations.

Pictured here Phoenix sales team, Hubert Cunha with Christy Garrido, Joanne Greeley with Christy Garrido, Top performers of 3rd quarter and Top performers February 2011. □

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During the Grand Parade on Sunday, March 6 CILO is offering a lunch menu of fried chicken wings with spicy or sweet fries and a dinner special which consists of BBQ ribs, chicken wings and steak served with corn on the cob and beans in a tomato sauce. Continuing in the carnival spirit: CILO is open from 7

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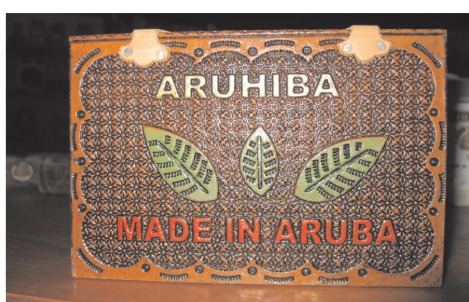
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Egypt's new PM vows to meet protesters' demands

CAIRO – Egypt's prime minister-designate vowed before thousands of demonstrators at a central Cairo square to do everything he could to meet their demands and pleaded with them to turn their attention to "rebuilding" the country.

Essam Sharaf was picked by Egypt's military rulers on Thursday to replace Ahmed Shafiq as prime minister. Shafiq was the last premier to be named by Hosni Mubarak, who stepped down Feb. 11 in the face of massive anti-government protests demanding an end to his 30-year rule.



Prime Minister Essam Sharaf

A former transport minister, Sharaf endeared himself to the protesters when he joined the demonstrations that forced

Mubarak to resign. His made his address at Tahrir Square, the protests' epicenter. "I draw will and determina-

tion from here," he told the estimated 10,000 demonstrators. "I will do my utmost to realize your demands," he said, pledging to step down if he fails.

Shafiq, a U.S.-educated civil engineer, served in the Cabinet for 18 months between 2004 and 2005.

His appearance at the square he was carried on the shoulders of demonstrators to and from the podium was the latest evidence of the power retained by the youth groups nearly a month after they ousted Mubarak. Sharaf's government will serve in a caretaker capacity until parliamentary elections are held.

However, Sharaf declined to take an oath of office before the demonstrators as they demanded and left the square amid chants of "Swear! Swear!"

Besides Shafiq's resignation, the revolt's leaders want Mubarak's National Democratic Party dissolved along with the hated State Security Agency blamed for some of the worst human rights violations during Mubarak's rule. Other demands include the prosecution of security officials behind the deaths of protesters and the release of political prisoners.

"I am here because I get my legitimacy from you," Sharaf, in a gray business suit but no tie, told the demonstrators. He called on the protesters to turn their attention to "rebuilding Egypt."

"I pray to God that I see an Egypt where free opinions are voiced outside (prison) cells and security agencies are in the service of the nation."

In Russia Fighter jet creator dies



Aircraft designer
Mikhail Simonov

MOSCOW – Aircraft designer Mikhail Simonov, whose supremely maneuverable, heavily armed and far-flying Sukhoi fighter jet became an icon of the Soviet defense industry and a cash cow for post-communist Russia, died in Moscow after a long illness. He was 81, the Sukhoi company said.

Developed to counter the U.S. F-15 fighter, Simonov's sleek twin-engined, twin-finned Su-27 joined the Soviet air force in the early 1980s and won respect in the West for its range of over 2,000 miles, its impressive agility and its ability to fly at 2.35 times the speed of sound.

It was a star of international air shows, performing aerobatics that few other fighter planes could accomplish, and is matched only by the MiG jet and Kalashnikov assault rifle as a symbol of Russia's considerable prowess in weapons-making. □

On Serb warrant

Austria detains ex-Bosnian general

VIENNA – A Serbian colonel who defected to Bosnia's army at the start of the conflict between the two sides has been detained on a Serbian warrant and is awaiting a hearing on whether he should be extradited on suspicion of war crimes, Austrian officials said.

Jovan Divjak was taken into custody in Vienna Thursday night on arrival from a flight from Sarajevo, officials said. Serbia alleges his role in an attack that killed dozens of predominantly Serb Yugoslav soldiers withdrawing from the Bosnian capital at the start of Bosnia's 1992-95 war constitutes a war crime.

Divjak's case is particularly sensitive. After his defection, he was the only Serb to be made general in the mostly Bosniak Muslim forces fighting Serbs who were seeking to break away from multieth-



Jovan Divjak

nic Bosnia at the start of the Bosnian war.

As well, his case has parallels to failed Serbian attempts last year to seek the extradition of former Bosnian leader Ejup Ganic from Britain on war crimes allegations rising from the same incident.

The accusations arise from actions in the chaotic opening days of the Bosnian war, when the country's capital was under siege and its president had been captured by the Serb-dominated Yugoslav army.

Serbian prosecutors say that Ganic, who took over as

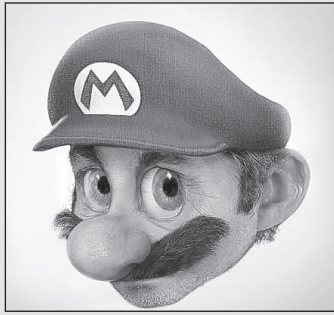
Bosnia's acting president on May 2, 1992, personally commanded a series of attacks on illegal targets across the city, including an officers' club, a military hospital and what the Serbs describe as a medical convoy making its way out of town.

While the exact contents of the warrant against Divjak were not made public, officials said it was based on his alleged role in the same incident. Serbia's justice ministry said it will seek his extradition.

The U.N. war crimes tribunal has ruled that there were no war crimes committed in that clash and a London judge last year dismissed the Serbian case against Ganic, saying the officers' club was a valid target and that the medical convoy was in fact packed with army vehicles and military equipment. □

Sex and 'Super Mario'

NEW YORK - Most parents think of video games as a child's pursuit, especially the innocent ones. Many people who bought a Nintendo Wii video game system would consider this the most innocent of them all. They watch their chil-



dren play "Super Mario Bros." on it, or join the family in playing tennis, golf or baseball with their little childlike "Mii" characters on Wii Sports.

I never imagined this game system would also be an orgy enabler.

A new ad by the French game manufacturer Ubisoft advertises a new game for the Nintendo Wii suggestively titled "We Dare," describing it as "a sexy, quirky party game that offers hilarious, innovative and physical, sometimes kinky, challenges. The more friends you invite to party, the spicier the play!"

Here we go. In a YouTube ad for the game, two young couples are shown kissing the controller together, including both girls. Graphically, the game looks simplistic and cartoonish, a typical "Super Mario" adventure. As suggestive music plays, one of the girls puts the controller in the back of her skirt and goes over one of the men's knees for some simulated spanking time. Then the girls are spanking each other. Then the men are stripping. The ad ends with the screen going blurry and reading "Enter Parental Code."

That's merely an invitation to join in nudity and sex, since Ubisoft isn't really concerned about parental codes. The game just went on sale in Australia, and that country's silly supposed self-regulators gave it a meaningless PG rating. The local ad there included couples "stripping to their underwear" with "suggestions of pole dancing, group sex and partner swapping." □

Robert Gates, Neo-Isolationist?

WASHINGTON - Any future defense secretary who advises the president to again send a big American land army into Asia or into the Middle East or Africa should 'have his head examined,' as Gen. MacArthur so delicately put it," Robert Gates has just told the cadets at West Point.

America would be nuts, Gates is saying, to fight a new land war like the two he inherited.

It follows that the "neo-isolationists" who opposed invading Iraq and a "long war" in Afghanistan were right, in Gates' eyes. Quite an admission from a defense secretary who presided over the surge in Iraq and the surge in Afghanistan.

Yet, do not the balance sheets of both wars bear Gates out?

Nearly 10 years after 9/11, at a cost of \$100 billion a year, we are still bleeding in Afghanistan. Al-Qaida, however, is long gone, but embedded today in Pakistan, Iraq, Yemen, Somalia and North Africa.

Eight years after Operation Iraqi Freedom began, the butcher's bill is in: 4,400 U.S. dead, 37,000 wounded, 100,000 Iraqi dead, half a million widows and orphans, half of Iraq's Christian population in exile, the other half terrorized and a Shia Iraq drifting toward Tehran. For what? Al-Qaida was not in Iraq in 2003, but it is there now.

Pushed by neoconservatives to institute a no-fly zone over Libya, Gates retorted: "Let's just call a spade a spade. A no-fly zone begins with an attack on Libya." To sustain it would require at least two aircraft carriers. Why is Libya's civil war our problem?

Gates is now singing in tune with his country. Yet his position implies a new foreign policy.

For if we are not going to fight another land war in Asia, what are we doing with 28,000 troops in Korea, many up on the DMZ, as Pyongyang rants about hurling a "sea of fire" against the South?

Why not withdraw the U.S. troops, let South Koreans take their place and sell Seoul the weapons to defend itself, while restricting our role, should the North attack, to air and naval support?

Why should U.S. troops fight a second Korean War, 60 years after the first and 20 years after the end of the Cold War? Was not the first Korean War the war that soured MacArthur on any future land war in Asia?

What vital interest of ours is at risk on that Asian peninsula?

The Nixon Doctrine of 1969 declared that, post-Vietnam, should any U.S. Asian ally be attacked, "we shall furnish military and economic assistance in accordance with our treaty commitments. But we shall look to the nation directly threatened to assume the primary responsibility of providing the manpower for its defense."

Is this doctrine not relevant to today and consistent with what Gates is saying? If we are not going to fight any new land war in Asia, bring the Marines home from Okinawa, where they have been based for 65 years. Let Japan take responsibility for the island's defense.

Yet, even as Gates was speaking, Pentagon officials were talking of using Marines to evict Chinese troops, should they occupy disputed islands in the South and East China seas.

Among the claimants to the islands in the South China Sea are Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Brunei. □

How law works against our better judgment...

NEW YORK - The guess is that there was not a single member of the United States Supreme Court who was not personally appalled that the Westboro Baptist Church would target the funeral of a soldier who died in battle so they could get publicity for their anti-gay views. It is hard to think of any good reason why the Snyder family, having lost their beloved and, if it matters, not gay son while serving his country in Iraq, should be exposed to such abuse. And it's easy to understand why they would sue and seek the kind of damages that would ensure Westboro could not continue to abuse others. Earlier this week, the Supreme Court held in an 8-1 decision that the Snyders could not recover for the emotional distress intentionally inflicted on them, even though

no one doubts that it was or that it was done so intentionally. With only Justice Samuel Alito dissenting, the Court's four liberals, all Democratic appointees, joined the remaining four conservatives, all Republican appointees, to hold that the First Amendment protected the church from being called to answer for the pain it had caused. "Speech is powerful," Chief Justice John Roberts declared, writing for the majority. Here, two reasons demand its protection, the Court held. First, however inarticulately and crudely, the signs and taunts of the Westboro Church members went directly to issues of public importance, which "occupies the highest rung of the hierarchy of First Amendment values." Second, the church members complied with all other laws applicable to the time, place

and manner of public assembly. The church members "had the right to be where they were" 1,000 feet from the site of the funeral. The distress, then, "turned on the content and viewpoint of the message conveyed," which is precisely what the First Amendment protects. Of course, the First Amendment says nothing about content restrictions being the worst kind of regulation of speech. Nor does it say anything about speech on public policy issues occupying the "highest rung." It doesn't say anything about time, place and manner restrictions, or how far protestors can be kept away, so long as the rules apply to everyone. All it says is that "freedom of speech," along with a free press and the right to assemble and petition for grievances, shall be protected. That's it.



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The rest has come from judges, especially Supreme Court justices, mostly in the last hundred years, who have gone way beyond divining

the intent of the Founders to develop a whole body of law as to what the First Amendment does and does not protect. □

Outrage in this gadget-loving country

Japan rattled by college cheater



Japanese media say, the cheater could become the first person to be Outrage in this gadget-loving country

TOKYO — Japanese police arrested a teenager accused of cheating on his university entrance examination by consulting online forums with his mobile phone, prompting outrage in this gadget-loving country that prizes hard work and fairness. The arrest of a 19-year-old applicant to prestigious Kyoto University dominated the major newspapers and TV news shows. Japanese media say he could become the first person to be prosecuted in the country for cheating. The case raised questions over whether the country's top universities the gateway to top jobs in Japan's corporate culture have adapted to the Internet's new opportunities for cheating. "It's not a mere cheating case," an editorial in the nationwide Mainichi newspaper said. "The impact of the

wrongful use of the Internet, capable of massively spreading information instantly, is huge."

Police said they arrested the student Thursday on suspicion that he obstructed business through fraud. If convicted, he could face up to three years in prison or a fine of 500,000 yen, though media reports have indicated that he will likely not be charged.

Even if convicted, he would likely be able to reapply to universities, since most Japanese schools don't check applicants' criminal records. His name has been withheld because he is a minor under Japanese law.

The suspect admitted to wrongdoing, and the case will be sent to prosecutors Saturday, according to a police official who spoke on condition of anonymity citing depart-

ment rules.

Admission to Japan's top universities, seen as a prerequisite for a good job in government or business, is determined by applicants' performance on grueling entrance examinations, and young people face enormous pressure preparing for them.

Many high school graduates who fail to get into their school of choice cram full-time for a full year for another shot and sometimes longer until they make it.

The suspect is accused of turning to a popular question-and-answer site run by Yahoo Japan for help during a test. His eight alleged postings from Feb. 25-26, the exam days at Kyoto University, are still viewable online. Using the online alias "aicezuki" whose meaning was unknown the suspect asked for help in solving mathematical formulas and translating Japanese passages into English. After one, he ended politely, "It's a rather long passage, and I apologize for the trouble." Various answers were then posted throughout the day. The case was brought to light after someone who saw the Yahoo message board postings called the university on the second day of the test, triggering an investigation. □

Death toll reaches 163

2 more bodies pulled from NZ quake rubble

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Recovery teams pulled two more bodies from the rubble of one of the worst-hit buildings in last week's earthquake in New Zealand, raising the confirmed death toll to 163, police said.

Authorities officially ended search and rescue operations in the stricken city of Christchurch on Thursday, saying there was no chance that anyone else would be pulled alive from the rubble of the Feb. 22 quake. They say the job now is to recover bodies still jammed in the wreckage of broken buildings and to clean up and restore the downtown of the city of 350,000 people that has been shut down by the disaster. Police Superintendent Sam Hoyle said that two bodies were pulled overnight from the Pyne Gould Guinness building, taking the confirmed death toll to 163. He said the search for bodies was now over at that building, one of two office blocks that completely collapsed in the disaster. Many more people are missing and officials expect the final number of dead to be more than 200.

Body recovery teams were still picking through the rubble of the other collapsed of-



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fice block, the Canterbury Television building, but the operation was also nearing an end there, Hoyle said.

Teams were also working at the city's iconic cathedral, where up to 22 people were believed to have been caught in the church's spire tower when it collapsed in the quake. Workers had been prevented from starting work at the church for days because the site was so unstable. It was braced in recent days.

Meanwhile, Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker said an estimated 70,000 Christchurch residents one-fifth of the population had left the city since the quake, which cut power, water and sewage systems for large parts of the city. □



On Thursday to five men now in their 80s and 90s, travelled to Tokyo from Australia with their families more than six decades after the end of the war.

SYDNEY — Canberra has welcomed an apology made by Tokyo's foreign minister to an emotional group of former Australian prisoners of war for their suffering at the

hands of Japanese troops during World War II.

Seiji Maehara made the gesture in person on Thursday to five men now in their 80s and 90s, who travelled to Tokyo

It is never too late to say SORRY

Australia welcomes Japanese apology to POWs

from Australia with their families more than six decades after the end of the war.

"Minister Maehara reiterated Japan's feelings of deep remorse and heartfelt apology for the tremendous damage and suffering inflicted on many people during the war," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

The Australian government said it welcomed the apology "for the horrors they endured under Japanese control in World War II".

The gesture was made "in a spirit of reconciliation", it added.

Attending the meeting was 89-year-old Australian Norm

Anderton, who was used as slave labour by the Japanese on the Thai-Burma railway, also known as the Death Railway owing to the tens of thousands who died during its construction.

Anderton said Maehara's apology "expressed great remorse for the suffering that was inflicted on us".

"It was a very moving experience," he told Australian broadcaster ABC.

Another former POW Harold Ramsey, also 89, from Victoria state, said the apology was "really good, very sincere".

"We waited a long time but it was sincere and a much bet-

ter time than when I was here before in 1944," he told news radio programme AM.

Maehara also announced that Japan would return to Australia historical records of former Australian POWs held by Japan during the war.

Australian foreign minister Kevin Rudd welcomed the offer of records "which is made in the spirit of cooperation".

The Australian government hopes the Japanese records may shed light on the fate of the members of army unit Lark Force, many of whom were lost when the Japanese transport Montevideo Maru was sunk by a US submarine in 1942. □



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N. Korea refuses repatriations



The communist state late Thursday accused the South of "despicable unethical acts".

SEOUL — North Korea blocked the repatriation of 27 citizens, whose boat drifted into South Korean waters, insisting that Seoul also hand over four others who want to stay in the South. The dispute is the latest episode in a year of high tensions and comes as US and South Korean troops stage major military exercises that the North has branded a rehearsal for invasion. The 31 North Koreans were traveling on a fishing boat which

drifted across the Yellow Sea border in thick fog on February 5. After almost a month the South said it would hand over 27 but announced that two men and two women would be allowed to stay as they had requested. In a message late the North demanded the unconditional repatriation of all 31, according to Seoul's unification ministry, whose officials had been waiting at the frontier village of Panmunjom to hand over the 27.

"Our side will try to contact North Korea again next week, probably on Monday," said a ministry spokesman. The communist state late Thursday accused the South of "despicable unethical acts" and said the group on the boat had been held hostage since February 5 in a bid to fuel cross-border confrontation.

The North said all those on board the boat had demanded they be sent home but Seoul had pressured them to remain in the South "by appeasement, deception and threat", it added. "This cannot be interpreted otherwise than a grave provocation to the DPRK North Korea," said a statement attributed to the North's Red Cross. In another statement also attributed to the Red Cross, --the North said the repatriation of all 31 is "related to the North-South relations" rather than a humanitarian issue. □

In Turkey

Journalists protest crackdown



Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan

ANKARA, Turkey — Several thousand demonstrators, some covering their mouths with black ribbons, protested against the detention of eight journalists in a case that has drawn expressions of concern from Western governments and international media rights groups. The arrests Thursday reflect the widening division between the government and its critics over a long-running investigation into an alleged conspiracy to topple the Islamic-rooted government.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan says prosecutors are stripping away the vestiges of authoritarian rule in Turkey, but opponents counter that many of the more than 400 suspects have been targeted in a bid to muzzle dissent and undermine Turkey's secular legacy. Members of labor unions, political parties and non-governmental organizations joined hundreds of journalists in Istanbul and Ankara. They shouted slogans de-

manding press freedom after police detained eight journalists and two other people for links to the alleged coup plot. The larger group was in Istanbul, where protesters carried a giant Turkish flag on a main pedestrian thoroughfare. Some journalists in Ankara marched with their mouths covered by ribbons that signified the alleged clampdown by the government on expression. "Don't remain silent or you will be next," journalists in Ankara shouted as they marched toward the Justice Ministry. They also carried a banner that read: "Everyone needs free press."

The government says the decision to detain the journalists was taken by independent judicial authorities.

"Of course, this is not nice," Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc said. "The journalists should not be jailed or prosecuted for their writings, but none of us have armor if we violate laws." □

In German

Attacker's pistol jammed, sparing lives

KARLSRUHE, Germany — The pistol used to kill two U.S. airmen at Frankfurt airport jammed with six rounds left, possibly saving the lives of other American troops on their way to Afghanistan, a German investigator said.

Two other U.S. Air Force personnel were wounded in the attack Wednesday by 21-year-old Arid Uka, an ethnic Albanian from Kosovo who had lived in Germany for years.

Uka was formally charged Thursday with two counts of murder and three counts of at-

tempted murder. He refused to speak in court but made lengthy statements to police shortly after the attack, prosecutor Rainer Griesbaum told a news conference.

Uka told authorities he had taken the FN 9mm pistol and two knives to the airport specifically to kill Americans "as revenge for the American mission in Afghanistan," Griesbaum said.

He said a YouTube video Uka saw the day before the attack, allegedly showing a U.S. raid on a home in Afghanistan,

had inspired him to prevent "further cruelties." When he saw the busload of 16 airmen parked outside Terminal 2 heading to the nearby Ramstein Air Base, he approached one standing outside and, under the pretext of asking for a cigarette, asked if they were on their way to Afghanistan. "When he said yes, he shot the 25-year-old serviceman from behind in the head," Griesbaum said.

Uka then stormed onto the bus, yelling "Allah Akbar!" Arabic for "God is great!" □

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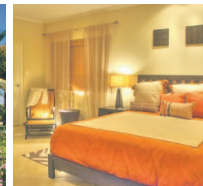
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In Tripoli, Libya

Gadhafi forces open fire with tear gas

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TRIPOLI, Libya — Forces loyal to Col. Moammar Gadhafi opened fire with tear gas and what a witness described as live ammunition to scatter protesters who had gathered after Friday noon prayers outside a mosque in a restive neighborhood of Tripoli, chanting slogans and defying authorities' attempt to lock down the capital.

Young demonstrators hurled rocks at the militia forces cruising the Tajura neighborhood in blue trucks, but the crackle of fire from what sounded like automatic weapons panicked the protesters, and they fled in several directions. "Everyone was supposed to retreat to the mosque, but they are scared of the killing because they are using bullets," a doctor in the main Tajura mosque said as some protesters scrambled for cover there. Two people were injured, he said. Witnesses said the militia fired AK-47 assault rifles.

Witnesses in Zawiya, 25 miles west of Tripoli, said in telephone interviews that unarmed civilian protesters



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(Moises Saman/The New York Times)

chanting slogans against the Libyan leader came under fire from pro-Gadhafi forces who caught the demonstrators in a pincer movement. One witness, who spoke in return for anonymity because of a fear of being singled out for reprisals, said five people had been killed. "Their bodies are on the ground, but nobody is able to approach them," the witness said. There was no independent corroboration of that death toll. Another witness called the shooting in Zawiya a massacre. "I cannot describe

the enormity of the violence they are committing against us," he said by telephone, with bursts of gunfire audible in the background. "We want our country to be free." Initially, worshippers in Tajura said they planned to display their opposition to Gadhafi from inside the mosque, staging a sit-in after the noon prayers that have become a flashpoint for demonstrations in the uprisings spreading across the Arab world. But, as prayers ended, thousands of protesters — mainly

men — lofted the pre-Gadhafi flag that has become the emblem of the rebellion and began milling in a courtyard outside, shouting slogans such as

"Free, free Libya," "Tajura will bury you" and "The people want to bring down the regime" — a rallying cry in many parts of the Arab world. □

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Editorial Roundup

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FORECLOSURE FOLLIES

Recent price data show home values at nearly their lowest levels in the postbubble era, and a coming tide of foreclosures means prices will drop further. Seven million families have lost their homes so far, and another 3 million foreclosures are expected through 2012. The ongoing crash is further evidence that the government's anti-foreclosure efforts have fallen short and America's struggling homeowners need more help. So what are House Republicans proposing? They want the government to get out of the anti-foreclosure business altogether and leave homeowners to fend for themselves. The result would be hundreds of thousands of additional foreclosures and steeper price declines.

ANOTHER BRAVE MAN KILLED IN PAKISTAN

Another courageous Pakistani official has been assassinated because he stood for tolerance. We increasingly despair over the hatred and extremism that has Pakistan in a death grip. The official killed on Wednesday was Shahbaz Bhatti, the minister of minorities and the only Christian in the Cabinet. Gunmen ambushed him outside his house in Islamabad. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility, saying he was punished for being a blasphemer.

Like Salman Taseer, the governor of Punjab province who was assassinated in January, Bhatti called for reform of Pakistan's unconscionable blasphemy law, which imposes a mandatory death sentence on anyone convicted of insulting Islam. The law is popular with the Muslim majority but is routinely manipulated to settle rivalries and persecute minorities. It should be repealed. Extrem-

ists are determined to topple Pakistan's government, yet they operate with impunity, enabled by the elites. Taseer's killer was extolled as a hero in rallies held by conservative religious parties. It was especially chilling that the killer's defenders included lawyers who are supposedly devoted to the rule of law. President Asif Ali Zardari, afraid for his personal safety, did not attend Taseer's funeral even though the governor was a longtime ally of both Zardari and his wife, Benazir Bhutto, who was assassinated in 2007. This time, Zardari went to Bhatti's home to console his family and vowed to fight extremism. Parliament condemned the killing, and the chairman of Pakistan's council of religious scholars, who said Bhatti's murder went against the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad, did, too. That's progress – but not nearly enough.

Pakistan's military and intelligence services are the country's most powerful institutions. But they are obsessed with India and either blind to the extremist threat or in league with the extremists. They must bring Bhatti's killers to justice, protect Zardari and other officials and cut their ties with all groups that are clear enemies of their nation. All Pakistanis – including Pakistani-Americans who send back \$4 billion in remittances annually – must condemn the assassinations. Pakistan's fragile democracy has no chance at all if preaching tolerance comes with a guaranteed death sentence.

INSIDER TRADING, FROM THE TOP

This week brought news that Rajat Gupta, a longtime senior executive at McKinsey & Co. and a former director of Goldman Sachs, is accused by the Securities and Exchange Commission of providing ille-



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gal information to Raj Rajaratnam, the founder of the Galleon Group hedge fund who is scheduled for trial next week. If the charges are true, then the rampant wrongdoing that many suspect in the financial world will have reached one of the most elite boardrooms. Preet Bharara, the U.S. attorney who is prosecuting Rajaratnam for an alleged insider trading scheme, has not charged Gupta. Since late 2009, he has secured guilty pleas from 29 people for insider trading and charged 17 others. They include high-profile traders, midlevel executives and relatively minor players involved in "expert network" firms that have carried information between traders and companies.

Gupta and Rajaratnam met a half-decade ago through their common interest in the Indian School of Business. The SEC alleges that in his role as a Goldman Sachs director, Gupta learned in September 2008 about Berkshire Hathaway's not yet public \$5 billion investment in Goldman. The morning after, according to an SEC document, "Gupta and Rajaratnam very likely had a telephone conversation." Shortly after, Galleon tech funds bought more than 80,000 Goldman shares.

The next morning, according to the document, the two had another call and "less than a minute after the call began,"

Galleon bought 40,000 more shares. With other calls as well, Galleon eventually enjoyed, the SEC alleges, "illicit profits and loss avoidance" of more than \$17 million.

As in all law enforcement, the number of cases Bharara pursues with the confidence he will convict is likely a fraction of those he is following. If the SEC charges are true, the dealings between Gupta and Rajaratnam would take this alleged scheme of insider trading to the pinnacle of finance. They are another sobering warning that insider trading may be pervasive, from relatively low rungs to the top.

PENNY AND POUND FOOLISH

President's fiscal 2011 request: \$29 million

House voted: \$2 million
Eliminating nearly all the money for poison control centers would save \$27 million – not even a rounding error when it comes to the deficit. Yet it is so foolish that it perfectly illustrates the thoughtlessness of the House Republican bill to cut \$61 billion from the budget over the next seven months.

The nation's network of 57 poison control centers takes 4 million calls a year about people who may have been exposed to a toxic substance. In three-quarters of all cases, the centers are able to provide treatment advice that does not

require a visit to a hospital or a doctor, saving tens of millions of dollars in medical costs.

While a single visit to an emergency room can cost hundreds or thousands of dollars (often paid for by the government), a call to a poison center costs the government only \$30 or \$40. A study in the Journal of Medical Toxicology estimated that the poison centers saved the state of Arizona alone \$33 million a year. Louisiana eliminated its centers in the 1980s but restored them when it realized how much money they saved.

The centers, which collect poison reports, can also act as an early warning system for pandemics or large toxic exposures, allowing a quick response. The federal government pays about 20 percent of the cost of the centers, with states, cities and philanthropy picking up the rest. Many strapped state and local governments have cut back their financing, and experts say that the virtual elimination of federal money would force many centers to close and sharply damage the effectiveness of the national network.

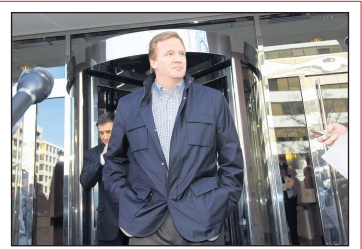
Could savings be achieved by consolidating centers? Possibly. House Republicans didn't bother to examine that or how much the cuts would actually increase spending on emergency care. If they get their way, lines at emergency rooms will be longer. □

NFL, players agree to 7-day extension on CBA

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell steps out to talk with the media after football labor negotiations with the NFL players' association involving a federal mediator, Friday, March 4, 2011, in Washington.

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KIWIS WIN IN INDIA



New Zealand Martin Guptill, right, and Brendon McCullum run between the wicket during their partnership in the Group A match between New Zealand and Zimbabwe.

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Mexican sensation Canelo Alvarez gets a title shot

GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — The prince of Mexican boxing is ready for his coronation, and only the kid brother of a famous English brawler stands in his way. Saul Alvarez's career has been on a skyward trajectory since his early teens, and the hard-hitting 20-year-old can make championship history even more quickly than he imagined Saturday night. The redheaded, freckle-faced slugger ubiquitously known as "Canelo" — the Spanish word for cinnamon — will fight for the vacant WBC super welterweight belt against Matthew Hatton (41-4-2, 16 KOs), the less heralded brother of former 140-pound champion Ricky Hatton, at Anaheim's Honda Center.

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Europe's 1st NBA game

Nets beat Raptors 116-103



Toronto Raptors DeMar DeRozan, right, jumps for the ball with New Jersey Nets Damion James during their NBA basketball match at the O2 Arena in London, Friday, March 4, 2011.
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Lindsey Vonn, of the United States, in background, celebrates her second place which gives her the final victory in the discipline standings, as Slovenia's Tina Maze celebrates winning the race, after an alpine ski, women's World Cup super-combined race, in Tarvisio, Italy, Friday, March 4, 2011.

Associated Press

ANDREW DAMPF
AP Sports Writer
TARVISIO, Italy (AP) —
Lindsey Vonn celebrated with
equal parts of joy and relief af-

ter successfully defending her
World Cup super-combined
title on Friday.
Finishing second to Tina Maze
of Slovenia in the season's

Matthews wins Vuelta de Murcia first stage



Rabobank rider Michael Matthews from Australia waves from the podium after winning the first stage of the Vuelta a Murcia.

Associated Press

ALHAMA DE MURCIA, Spain (AP) — Michael Matthews of Australia has won the first stage of the Vuelta de Murcia race by sprinting ahead of the pack after a 111

miles ride from San Pedro del Pinatar to Alhama de Murcia on Friday. The Rabobank rider who is also the Under-23 world champion crossed the line in 4 hours, 26 minutes, 9 seconds after handling the cold and often rainy conditions. Russell Downing of Britain was second and Italy's Davide Appollonio third, both on the same time, while Tour de France champion Alberto Contador finished 14th in a second pack, two seconds behind. The race was Contador's second outing since escaping a doping ban, having finished fourth in Portugal's Tour of Algarve in February. "It was a really hard and dangerous day. It looked like it was going to be simple, but it was made very complicated by the rain," said Contador. □

Vonn retains World Cup super-combined title

third and final super-combined was enough for Vonn to clinch the small crystal globe given to the discipline champion.

Upon crossing the finish, Vonn dropped back into the snow and danced her skis in the air.

Vonn has been tested on multiple fronts this season. She still trails German rival Maria Riesch by 176 points in the overall standings, she missed the second half of last month's world championships due to recurring symptoms from a mild concussion, and she has struggled with her slalom all season.

"It's been a tough season for me in slalom and I was trying really hard today," Vonn said. "Every title means a lot to me.

... I knew I had to risk everything if I wanted to win the title. I just tried to go straight at the gates and I was really happy with my run."

Vonn finished with 220 points in the super-combi standings, Maze's win lifted her to second on 212, and Riesch, the leader coming into the race, dropped to third on 205.

"I got some good points today," Riesch said. "It wasn't enough for the globe, which is a little bit sad, but I didn't have a great slalom run and Lindsey deserved it today."

Maze, fifth after the downhill leg, produced a blistering slalom to post a winning combined time of 2 minutes, 13.54 seconds. Vonn was 0.18 behind and Riesch 0.55 back in third.

Maze was a popular winner, with the Slovenia border only about a 10-minute drive away. "I've been saying that Tarvisio was like my home race this season since Maribor was canceled," said Maze, who took silver in super-combi at worlds.

"A lot of fans came across the border today, and even my dog Mik came to watch me for the first time — and he brought me gold."

It was the 10th World Cup title of Vonn's career, following three overall crowns, three downhill titles, two in super-G and last season's super-combi victory.

Vonn also has a chance to clinch this season's downhill and super-G titles in races on Saturday and Sunday. □

Davis Cup

U.S. splits opening matches with Chile



U.S. Andy Roddick returns the ball to Chile's Nicolas Massu during a Davis Cup tennis match in Santiago, Chile, Friday, March 4, 2011. Roddick won 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Paul Capdeville leveled the Davis Cup first-round series between Chile and United States at 1-1 on Friday by coming from behind to beat John Isner 6-7 (5), 6-7 (2), 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5), 6-4. The Chilean had the only break in the next-to-last game of the 4-hour, 21-minute match when a tired Isner netted an overhead smash. Andy Roddick had opened

on eight opportunities. Isner served 38 aces to 11 for Capdeville and had 114 winners to 81 for the Chilean. "I didn't play the big points well. I made too many mistakes and I just let it get away from me," said Isner, who won the longest match in history at Wimbledon last year, beating Nicolas Mahut 70-68 in the fifth set after 11 hours, 5 minutes.

"He played better than me, so he deserves it." U.S. captain Jim Courier was not surprised that the first day ended with a split decision.

"I'm proud of both of these guys for going to battle out there, and it went the way we thought it would today," Courier said. "We don't control outcomes, we control efforts, and both John and Andy gave great efforts today. "We have to tip our hats to Paul, he hung in there. All week we kept hearing the Chilean team is the underdog, underdog, underdog. But we knew we were going to see this." □

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Nets beat Raptors in Europe's 1st NBA game

MATTIAS KAREN

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — The New Jersey Nets became the first NBA team to win a regular-season game in Europe after Brook Lopez scored 25 points Friday in a 116-103 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Kris Humphries had 18 points and 17 rebounds, while Deron Williams earned his first win since being acquired from the Utah Jazz last week, adding 16 points and 11 assists as the Nets ended a six-game losing streak.

"Happy with my first win as a Net," said All-Star guard Williams, who played despite injuries to both hands — a strained right wrist and bruised left hand.

"I thought we had a lot of energy today. We were all a little worried about how the trip would affect us, (that) fatigue would set in.

But we had a lot of energy. We had definitely some bright spots, some guys played great for us tonight."

Perhaps the brightest spot came from the bench.

Toronto led 81-78 at the end of the third quarter, but Jordan Farmar hit two straight 3-pointers to start the fourth and Sundiata Gaines added seven points in a decisive 20-6 run sparked by the Nets reserves.

"They were huge for us in the second half," Lopez said. "They gave us a huge lift, pretty much blew open the game for us."

Lopez and Williams did the rest, combining for 11 points after coming back on to make

sure Toronto never pulled closer than five points.

DeMar DeRozan led Toronto (17-45) with 30 points and Italy's Andrea Bargnani added 23.

Williams had his fourth straight double-double since joining the team as he and Lopez showed signs they can become the type of formidable duo the franchise hoped for.

"Our chemistry grows every game by the boatload," Lopez said.

Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov said before the game he plans to sit down with Williams in London to convince the guard to commit to a long-term future with the club, saying the two share a common goal of being No. 1.

The two have only had a brief opportunity to chat so far, after a loss in San Antonio last week.

"Mr. Prokhorov met me in San Antonio and we talked for a couple of minutes, but in that short couple of minutes he definitely got me excited also about the move and the future of this franchise," Williams said.

"I'm sure we'll have more chances to sit down and talk and get to know each other."

The Nets and Raptors will face each other again at the O2 on Saturday, as the NBA decided to bring regular-season games to Europe for the first time as part of its push to increase its fan base on the continent. The O2 has hosted preseason games for the last four years.

"I loved the crowd," said Bargnani, who was the highest-scoring European player

on the night. "I really felt the excitement.

I was nervous in the first half. I think it's going to be better tomorrow."

The unusual venue meant the public announcer had to do some extra work, explaining some of the basic rules every now and then to the British crowd — like pointing out that a player fouled while shooting gets two free throws.

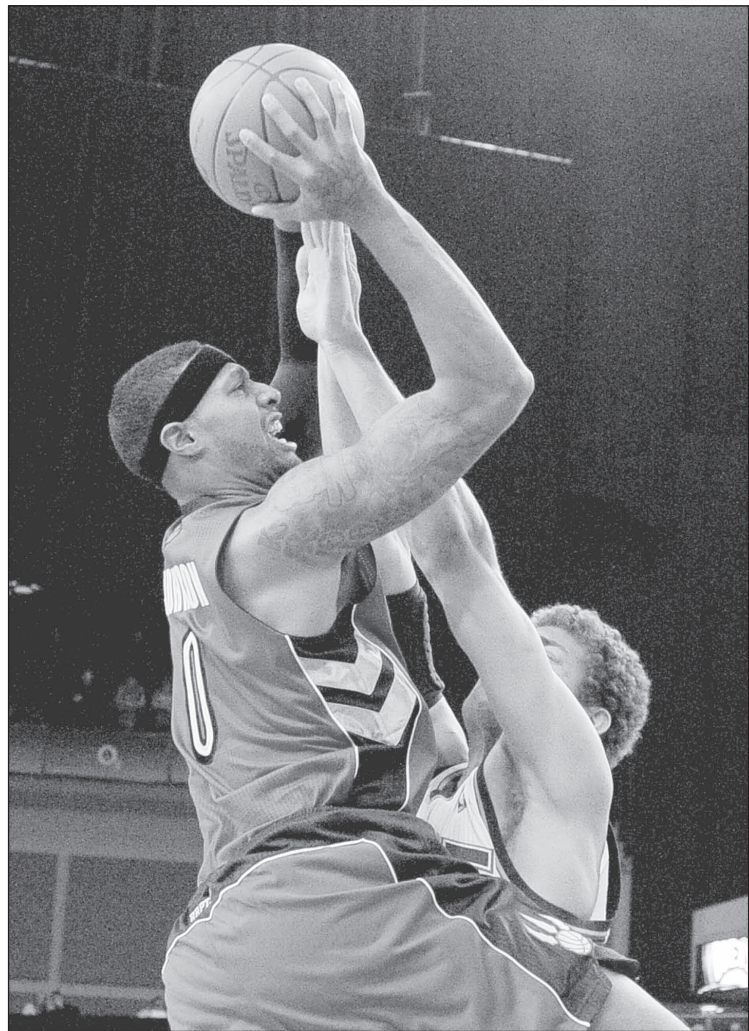
And with crowd support split between the two teams — despite the Nets being listed as the home team — players had the rare experience of being booed by rival fans before every free throw, and then cheered by their own supporters if the shot was good.

While the game featured two teams with losing records and lacked a nail biting finish, there were plenty of highlights to please the fans.

Lopez provided two of the biggest in the first half, first driving through the lane for a hard one-handed dunk to cut Toronto's lead to 39-34, and then jumping over Leandro Barbosa for an alley-oop slam on an assist from Williams to give his team a 42-41 lead.

"These games are great for global basketball, great for the NBA," said Williams, who scored all but two of his 16 points in the second half.

"And I thought the crowd tonight was great, they cheered for both teams pretty equally. When both teams did something good out there, they liked it. And I hope this is just the start of many, many more games." □



Toronto Raptors James Johnson, left, is stopped by New Jersey Nets Brook Lopez during their NBA basketball match at the O2 Arena in London, Friday, March 4, 2011.

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Bangladesh's World Cup joy turns to anger for fans



Bangladesh's Naeem Islam misfields a shot from West Indies' batsman Darren Bravo, unseen, during their Cricket World Cup Group B match at the Sher-E-Bangla National Stadium in Dhaka, Bangladesh on Friday March 4, 2011. Associated Press

GERALD IMRAY,
AP Sports Writer
NEW DELHI (AP) — Bangladesh's joy at co-hosting the World Cup turned to anger for bitterly disappointed fans on Friday, a small group unleashing their fury at a dismal performance by their team by throwing stones at a bus carrying

opposition players. The West Indies' team bus was attacked soon after leaving Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Dhaka, where the visitors had earlier sent Bangladesh to an embarrassing defeat. It was too much for some supporters, who broke two windows on the bus, according to a spokesman for the West Indies team. No one was hurt.

The incident was the first sign of crowd trouble at the World Cup, Bangladesh's biggest sporting moment, and was played down by local officials and the International Cricket Council. But it encapsulates a region where cricket dominates the sporting landscape above all other games and can make emotions run high.

There were obvious signs of unrest earlier when the Bangladesh players were booed off the pitch by their own dissatisfied 25,000-strong crowd and the outfield was showered with torn-up placards and posters after they had been bowled out for a miserable 58 and slumped to a huge loss in the crucial Group B match. The total was Bangladesh's lowest score and the lowest by a test team in a World Cup, and the fourth lowest total in the history of the tournament.

To make matters worse for the fans, who celebrated the World Cup's opening ceremony in joyous fashion in the same city just two weeks earlier and have been packing out their home matches, it was against one of Bangladesh's main rivals for a place in the knockout stage. Friday's incident deflected attention from a smooth tournament so far, where the biggest problem for organizers has been meeting the huge demand from fans in India for match tickets to see their team play.

The incident outside Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium capped a miserable day for Bangladesh though a police official later claimed it was a case of mistaken identity. The stone-throwing fans, he said, had intended to target their own team's bus which was part of the same convoy. The match in question had lasted just 31.1 overs as West Indies romped to a nine-wicket win in front of stunned supporters, who had high hopes for their team heading into the game. "We have a lot of things to work on," captain Shakib Al Hasan said. "Nothing was right today after winning the toss." West Indies only needed 45 minutes and 12.2 overs to overtake Bangladesh's feeble effort as Chris Gayle thumped six boundaries and the visitors galloped home. "I was expecting a bigger occasion than this," Gayle said, unaware of what lay in store on the team's journey back to its hotel. Bangladesh now needs to win back its own fans — as well as its form — in tough remaining fixtures against England, Netherlands and South Africa as the co-host's campaign threatens to fall apart.

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Maple Leafs top Flyers 3-2

NHL Roundup

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Darryl Boyce scored with 4:30 left in the third period to rally the Toronto Maple Leafs to a 3-2 comeback victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Thursday.

Nikolai Kulemin and Dion Phaneuf also scored for the Maple Leafs, coming off a 3-2 overtime victory over Pittsburgh at home Wednesday night. Toronto, fighting for a playoff spot, 10-2-4 since the All-Star break.

Kris Versteeg scored twice for the Flyers against his former team. Toronto traded him to Philadelphia last month. The Eastern Conference-leading Flyers lost consecutive games for the first time since last December.

Sharks 3, Red Wings 1

At San Jose, California, Dany Heatley scored twice and Antti Niemi made 26 saves to lead San Jose to its eighth straight victory.

The win was the 17th in the past 20 games for the Sharks, who have moved from outside the playoff picture in

mid-January to third place in the Western Conference, just three points behind second-place Detroit.

Patrick Marleau also scored for San Jose.

Tomas Holmstrom scored a power-play goal for the Red Wings.

Bruins 2, Lightning 1

At Boston, Milan Lucic broke a tie with 3:42 left as Boston won its seventh straight game to break to assume second place in the Eastern Conference.

Steven Kampfer also scored for the Bruins, coming off a six-game trip. The Bruins pulled two points ahead of Tampa Bay and clinched the tiebreaker with a 3-1 series victory.

Tim Thomas had 27 saves for the Bruins, allowing only Eric Brewer's goal.

Hurricanes 3, Sabres 2, OT

At Raleigh, North Carolina, Jamie McBain scored 26 seconds into overtime for Carolina.

Carolina defenseman Joni Pitkanen rushed the puck over the Sabres' blue line and waited for the trailing McBain.

McBain's slap shot made it through traffic before sneaking through goalie Ryan Miller's legs.

Chad LaRose and Jiri Tlustý also scored for Carolina. Cam Ward made 27 saves.

Newly acquired Brad Boyes scored his second goal in two games for the Sabres, Steve Montador also had a goal and Miller made 21 saves.

Capitals 3, Blues 2

At Washington, newcomer Jason Arnott scored the tie-breaking goal with 5:19 left as Washington beat St. Louis for its third straight victory.

Capitals goalie Michal Neuvirth stopped 25 shots to set a franchise record for wins by a rookie with 21. The 22-year-old topped Bob Mason, who won 20 in 1986-87.

Playing in his second game since being acquired in a trade with New Jersey, Arnott took a crossing pass from Alexander Semin and beat goalie Ty Conklin with a slap shot from the left circle.

Scott Hannan and Niklas Backstrom also scored and Alex Ovechkin had two assists for the Capitals. Alexan-



der Steen and B.J. Crombeen scored for the Blues.

Canadiens 4, Panthers 0

At Sunrise, Florida, Carey Price made 30 saves for his seventh shutout of the season, and Andrei Kostitsyn and Lars Eller each had a goal and an assist for Montreal.

Hal Gill and David Desharnais also scored for the Canadiens, who have won four of their last five. Travis Moen and James Wisniewski each had two assists.

Florida goalie Tomas Vokoun lasted only 8:54 before he was pulled after giving up two goals on three shots. Backup Scott Clemmensen made 25

saves.

Wild 3, Rangers 1

At New York, Casey Wellman, recalled from the minor leagues hours earlier, broke a second-period tie with his second NHL goal and Jose Theodore made 40 saves for the Minnesota.

Wellman was brought up on an emergency basis in case Cal Clutterbuck was unable to play following a hard hit he took from behind Wednesday in Minnesota's loss to the New York Islanders. Clutterbuck was in the lineup, but Wellman took the place of Jed Ortmeyer, sent down to Houston of the AHL. □

Magic rally from 24 down to stun Heat

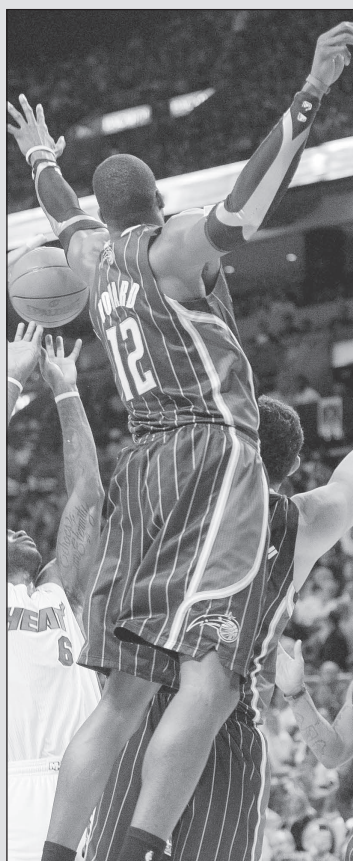
NHL Roundup

MIAMI (AP) — Jason Richardson scored 24 points, 11 of them to kickstart what became a wild 40-9 run, as the Orlando Magic rallied from 24 points down in the second half to stun the Miami Heat 99-96 on Thursday.

Jameer Nelson scored 12 of his 16 points in the second half and Dwight Howard finished with 14 points and 18 rebounds for the Magic, who trailed 73-49 after a dunk by LeBron James with 8:57 left in the third quarter. Ryan Anderson scored 15 and Gilbert Arenas added 11, including a pair of big 3-pointers in the fourth. James scored 29 and Dwyane Wade had 28 for Miami, which trailed 97-96 with 9.6 seconds left. J.J. Redick pushed the lead to three with a pair of free throws, and

Chris Bosh and James missed 3-point attempts in the final seconds. Nuggets 103, Jazz 101

At Salt Lake City, Aaron Afflalo shook off a sore ankle to score 19 points, including a 3-pointer with 11.4 seconds to play to help Denver hold on against Utah. Ty Lawson scored 22 points, and Nene and Chris Andersen each added 13 to give the Nuggets their fifth win in six games the deal that sent Carmelo Anthony and Chauncey Billups to New York. The Jazz had an unlikely chance to send the game into overtime, but Andrei Kirilenko fumbled the ball away as the buzzer sounded. C.J. Miles had 22 points, and Devin Harris had 21 points and nine assists for Utah, which lost its seventh straight at home — the team's worst home skid since 1982. □



Miami Heat's LeBron James (6) shoots as Orlando Magic's Ryan Anderson (33) and Dwight Howard (12) defend in the first quarter during an NBA basketball game in Miami, Thursday, March 3, 2011.

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NFL, players agree to 7-day extension on CBA

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Pro Football Writer

WASHINGTON — The NFL and its players are still talking. Soon they'll need to start agreeing. While failing to reach a deal that would keep labor peace intact for the nation's most popular sports league, the NFL and the players' union agreed Friday on a seven-day extension for their collective bargaining agreement.

It was the second time they had stopped the CBA from running out, though the two sides do not appear to be close to a new pact.

"We're obviously having a lot of dialogue," Commissioner Roger Goodell said Friday after a federal mediator announced the seven-day reprieve. "We met for a lot of days.

And we are going to meet for more."

The CBA was set to run out on Thursday before a 24-hour extension was granted. Under the new arrangement, talks will resume Monday and the old deal will expire at the end of next Friday.

"We've got very serious issues," NFL lead negotiator Jeff Pash said. "We've got significant differences."

NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith noted both sides had committed to giving the talks a chance to move ahead. "We look forward to a deal coming out of that," he said.

That deal still could be a long way off. If the CBA expires the owners could lock out the players, and the union could decertify to try and prevent that through the courts — something the NFLPA did in 1989.

"Talking is better than litigating," Goodell said.

For the moment, talking at least staves off the NFL's first work stoppage since the 1987 players' strike.

It certainly indicates neither the owners nor the players are ready to make a bold move to shut down a league that



NFLPA Executive Director DeMaurice Smith, center, accompanied by Kansas City Chiefs guard Brian Waters, left, and NFLPA spokesman George Atallah walk to football labor negotiations with the NFL involving a federal mediator, Friday, March 4, 2011, in Washington.

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rakes in \$9 billion a year and is more popular than ever. The last two Super Bowls rank

No. 1 and No. 2 among most-watched TV programs in U.S. history. □

College sports gets solid grades in new report

By **KYLE HIGHTOWER**

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — A new study gave college sports solid grades Thursday in racial and gender hiring practices, although one of the authors noted "troubling" trends regarding conference commissioners and athletic directors.

The 2010 College Racial and Gender Report Card was released by The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida. This is the first time it has issued grades for college sports since 2008. The 2009 report didn't include grades because there was not enough new data.

College sport received a B for overall racial hiring practices by earning 81.9 points, up from 76.2 points in the 2008 report. It received a B for gender hiring by earning 82.3 points, up from 80.7 points. The combined grade increased from a C-plus (78.5) to a B (82.1). Grades were determined on a points system devised using federal affirmative action race and gender policies that say the workplace should reflect the percentage of people for their corresponding groups in the general population. Information used in the report was collected from the NCAA and schools in Divisions I, II and III. The report covers the 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years.

This report follows previous ones on Major League Baseball, the NBA, WNBA, NFL, and Major League Soccer. The next report will be the group's complete Racial and Gender Report Card.

The only A grade for racial hiring practices

was given to NCAA headquarters. At its executive vice president and senior vice president level, hiring for people of color increased from one to four. The NCAA also received an A-plus for diversity initiatives.

For gender hiring, there was an A-plus for women's basketball head coaches, assistant coaches for all women's teams and senior women's administrators. An A grade was also given gender hiring at NCAA headquarters and for professional administration in athletic departments. Female head coaches in Division I basketball increased slightly from 64.7 percent in 2007-08 to 65.9 last year. But in all other sports, men led 55.5 percent of women's teams, while women are head coaches in only 45.5 percent of the programs.

A lot of national publicity was given to an increase from six African-American head football coaches in 2009 to 13 in 2010 in the Football Bowl Subdivision. There were 15 coaches of color at the start of this past season (including one Latino and one Asian), the highest number in the history of FBS schools. But this year's study also showed a continuing decrease among men's head basketball coaches. In Division I men's basketball, 21 percent of all head coaches were African-American, down 1.9 percent from the last report and 4.2 percentage points from the 2005-06 season when there was a high of 25.2 percent. Also, all conference commissioners are white males and only 8.3 percent of Division I athletics directors are women. It's why college sport received their only F grades in those two categories. □



Saul "Canelo" Alvarez, left, of Mexico, and Matthew "Magic" Hatton of Great Britain, pose during a news conference in Los Angeles, Thursday, March 3, 2011 to promote their upcoming boxing match for the vacant WBC super welterweight world title.

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CANELO

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"I didn't expect it to happen this quickly, but I've been preparing for this for a long time," said Alvarez, who turned pro at 15. "I'm grateful for the opportunity, but I know I still have to earn it." Alvarez (35-0-1, 26 KOs) would be the youngest fighter to win the 154-pound title.

Given the power in his fists and the expectations heaped upon him by Golden Boy Promotions and the Mexican public, both Alvarez and Hatton realize Canelo is expected to seize his apparent destiny with ease.

Hatton has few major accomplishments beyond his European welterweight title, and they're fighting at a 150-pound catch weight in a concession to Hatton's size limitations.

He'll likely be the toughest opponent of Alvarez's relatively short career, but not many people outside the Hatton family think he'll be tough enough to take the belt back to Manchester.

"He's never fought anyone as good as me, anyone as fit and determined as me," Hatton said.

"I was highly motivated for the fight in the first place, but to get to fight for the world title motivates me even more. I'll leave nothing in the locker room."

The WBC fell all over itself to add a big, ugly belt to the virtual crown Alvarez already wears in Mexico, where his cowboy image and beauty-queen girlfriend make him the biggest name in the fight-crazy country's younger generation of boxers.

Just last week, the Mexico City-based sanctioning body abruptly ruled the winner of this fight would fill its 154-pound title vacated by Manny Pacquiao — even though the fight is at a catch weight, and even though Hatton has never fought at super welterweight. □

Phelps wins 2 events at Indianapolis Grand Prix



Michael Phelps swims the 100-meter butterfly at the USA Swimming Grand Prix swim meet in Indianapolis, Thursday, March 3, 2011.

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CLIFF BRUNT

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Michael Phelps posted the fastest times in the world this year in both of his events Thursday at the Indianapolis Grand Prix.

The 14-time Olympic gold medalist won the 200-meter free-style in 1 minute, 46.27 seconds, and the 100 butterfly in 51.75 seconds at the Indiana University Natatorium.

“We really just want to get him back to the top level, or near the top level, and it’s good to be back,” his coach, Bob Bowman said. “Finally, he’s in the game. Now, we can kind of worry about the other stuff.” Phelps improved on his disappointing performance in January at the Austin Grand Prix. In that meet, he was relegated to the consolation final in the 200 free, where he finished in 1:49.90. He bettered that time in prelims on Thursday and was pleased with his finals mark, which was better than his goal of 1:47. “It kind of surprised me a little bit,” he said. “The number one time in the world, I’ll take it.”

Ryan Lochte, who won the 200 free in Austin, finished fourth in 1:49.41. Phelps trained in Colorado Springs, Colorado for several weeks before traveling to Indianapolis.

“I’m in a lot better shape than I was a month and a half ago, that’s for sure,” he said. “Right now, I’m a lot more consistent. It’s making gradual steps back to where I should be.”

Bowman said Phelps made strides in both events.

“I really liked his stroke in freestyle,” he said. “It’s the first time it’s been like his normal stroke in a while. And his 100 fly was great. The good news is, it’s the top time in the world by quite a bit, and he can do better.”

Phelps, the world recordholder in the 100 fly, felt he could have performed even better. “The only thing I’m upset about in the fly was my finish,” he said. “I try not to have finishes like that because I know how important they are. If there’s a time to have a bad finish like that, it’s here because I know there’s some things I can change here. For the most part, I know I’m heading in the right direction.”

In the other two men’s individual events, Barry Murphy won the men’s 100 breaststroke and Oussama Mellouli won the 400 individual medley. On the women’s side, Kathryn Hoff won the 200 free, Jessica Hardy won the 100 breaststroke, Dana Vollmer won the 100 fly and Julia Smit won the 400 individual medley. Lochte and Phelps didn’t go head-to-head in the 100 fly because Lochte failed to reach the final. He finished fourth in the consolation heat with a time of 53.92 seconds.

Phelps is expected to swim Friday in the 200 butterfly, an event in which he holds the world record.

Phelps is scheduled to compete against Lochte twice Saturday: in a 200 IM rematch and in the 100 freestyle. Lochte, the world’s most dominant swimmer in 2010, said he doesn’t worry about competing with Phelps. □



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Mobile gaming dominates Game Developers Conference

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

With retail video game sales smacked down by the rough economy and ever-growing competition in the crowded social and mobile game marketplace, it seemed like attendees at this week’s annual Game Developers Conference were more frustrated than birds catapulted at pigs. Game designers, programmers and executives from around the world converged at the Moscone Convention Center in hopes of figuring out how to become the next “Angry Birds,” the silly top-selling mobile game that pits birds against pigs. Yet many attendees dismissed the mobile platform as The Next Big Thing, noting that selling 99-cent games isn’t a dependable way to generate revenue.

“Downloadable games are the future, which is what I keep telling my team when they ask why we don’t make any money,” joked “Psychonauts” and “Brutal Legend” developer Tim Schafer while hosting the Game Developers Choice Awards on Wednesday. “Just kidding. I blame marketing.” Nintendo president Satoru Iwata said in the conference’s keynote speech Wednesday morning that “game development is drowning” because of the rise of cheaply made and priced mobile and social games. He expressed concern that those platforms have “no motivation to maintain the value of gaming” and that they lower gamemakers’ ability to make a living. “We invest a tremendous amount in technology, engineering and in the staff that create these games to maintain that high level of value, so that consumers want this content,” said Nintendo of America president Reggie Fils-Aime in an interview afterward. “It’s not disposable, and it’s something that consumers



In this photo provided by Nintendo of America, Satoru Iwata, president of Nintendo Co. Ltd., showcases the Nintendo 3DS portable video game system at the Game Developers Conference in San Francisco on Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

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can enjoy over long periods of time.” Iwata and Fils-Aime also used the speech as a chance to reveal that the Nintendo 3DS, the glasses-free hand-held 3-D gaming device set for release in the U.S. on March 27, would be able to stream Netflix movies and freely connect to more than 10,000 AT&T wi-fi hotspots. Iwata also teased that Nintendo is working on a new “Super Mario” title in 3-D. Coincidentally, Iwata made his declaration the same day that Apple head honcho Steve Jobs stepped onto a different stage within the massive Moscone Convention Center for the unveiling of the iPad 2, the latest Apple doodad that can — among other things — be used to play games. However, Apple’s iPad 2 announcement wasn’t related to the conference. The convergence of the gaming and mobile realms was also on display during the U.S. debut of the Xperia Play, Sony Ericsson’s gaming-centric smart phone, which features a 4-inch touch-screen and a slide-out controller reminiscent of Sony’s PlayStation Portable controls. Instead of dual analog joysticks, it features a pair of sleek round

touch-pads. The smart phone will be available later this month and have about 50 games at launch designed to use the unique controls from such publishers as Electronic Arts, Glu Mobile and Gameloft. The titles include the fighter “Bruce Lee Dragon Warrior” and role-playing game “Dungeon Defenders,” as well as a few editions of original PlayStation games. “It is a smart phone first,” said Xperia Play product manager Aaron Duke. □



Oil settles at highest level since Sept. 2008

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AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices rose past \$104 a barrel to end the week at a 29-month high, as fighting in Libya intensified and the world’s largest petroleum consumer, the U.S., reported that employers added nearly 200,000 new jobs in February. The Labor Department said Friday that the unemployment rate dropped to 8.9 percent in February. While that’s positive news for the economy, the report also suggests that more Americans are driving to work at a time when world oil supplies are under pressure because of unrest in Libya and the Middle East. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for April delivery gained \$2.51 to settle at \$104.42 a barrel on New York Mercantile Exchange, the highest level since Sept. 26, 2008. In London, Brent crude rose \$1.18 to settle at \$115.97 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange. Most of Libya’s oil production has been shut down because of the crisis, and experts say the country’s oil fields will be threatened as long as there’s no clear leader in charge. Tensions escalated on Friday as forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi used tear gas against protesters in Tripoli. Rebels also attacked the oil port of Ras Lanouf, about 380 miles east of Tripoli. They battled with about 3,000 pro-Gadhafi troops, mainly around the facility’s airstrip. As night fell it was not clear who was in control of the complex. Earlier in the week, rebels pushed back Gadhafi forces from a larger oil facility. Saudi Arabia has increased production to make up for the loss of Libyan crude, but a lengthy struggle could put significant pressure on world supplies. Traders are concerned that anti-government protesters will further challenge neighboring regimes in the region. North Africa and the Middle East are home to the largest oil producers on earth and export a quarter of the world’s oil. Meanwhile anxious traders prepared for a weekend of uncertainty. Two weeks ago oil surged more than \$7 per barrel in electronic weekend trading. The possibility that oil will jump again before Monday trading begins kept prices up. Oil is getting more expensive as the U.S. economy continues on the road to recovery. Besides the lower unemployment rate last



Higher gas prices are posted at a Chevron gas station in San Francisco, Friday, March 4, 2011. Gasoline prices have shot up an average of 35 cents per gallon since an uprising in Libya began in mid-February.

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month reported by the government, retailers said they had surprisingly strong revenue gains in February and businesses ordered more manufactured goods from U.S. factories in January. The Energy department said this week that petroleum demand has grown for four straight weeks, resulting in unexpected drops in the nation’s oil and gasoline supplies last week. “The economy just seemed to be getting its mojo back,” PFGBest analyst Phil Flynn said. “The question, now, is when will higher energy prices take that mojo away?” Analysts say the economy can probably stay on the upswing as long as oil remains below \$120 per barrel. If it goes higher, and pushes up the cost of fuel, consumers could rein in spending, more commuters may opt for public transportation and car pools, and leisure travelers will probably vacation closer to home. “That’s when it really starts to do damage,” Flynn said. If oil rises to \$150 or more per barrel, and holds at that level for months, some economists think another recession could be triggered. □

Trade group sues over polar bear critical habitat

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Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — An Alaska petroleum industry trade group has sued the federal government over its designation of 187,157 square miles as polar bear critical habitat, claiming it covers too much territory and could cost tens of millions or more in economic effects. The Alaska Oil and Gas Association sued Tuesday in Anchorage.

“This is an area larger than 48 of the 50 states, exceeding the size of the State of California by nearly 25,000 square miles,” association attorneys said in the lawsuit. The designation is unprecedented — the largest area set aside in the history of the Endangered Species Act — and was done for an animal that is abundant, with 20,000 to 25,000 animals in 19 subpopulations, according to the group. AOGA represents 15 companies that account for most oil and gas exploration, production, refining and marketing in Alaska. The group claims there is no evidence of an overall decline in the global polar bear population or its historical range. That’s disputed by the Center for Biological Diversity, which petitioned to list bears. “AOGA’s suit is



In this undated file photo released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a sow polar bear rests with her cubs on the pack ice in the Beaufort Sea in northern Alaska.

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premised on the fiction that polar bear populations are stable,” said attorney Brendan Cummings in an e-mail. The two best-studied populations, western Hudson Bay and Southern Beaufort Sea, are known to be declining, he said. The polar bear specialist group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature lists eight of the world’s 19 subpopulations of polar bears as “declining,” including both of Alaska’s. Seven other subpopulations are listed as “data deficient” for making the call. A U.S. Geological Survey model prepared before the listing suggested a better than 50 percent chance that polar bears will be extinct in Alaska’s Beaufort and Chukchi seas under the minimum sea ice model run

by 2030. The USGS later noted its projections of sea ice decline appeared to be underestimated. The Interior Department under former President George W. Bush declared polar bears a threatened species in 2008 because of the threat from diminishing sea ice. The department announced its critical habitat designation in November. It includes large areas of sea ice off the Alaska coast, including areas where petroleum companies hope to drill in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. Designation of critical habitat does not automatically block development but requires federal officials to consider whether a proposed action would adversely affect the polar bear’s habitat and interfere with its recovery. □

Dozens of South Korean govt. websites attacked



Technicians of AhnLab Inc. work against cyberattacks at the company’s Security Operation Center in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, March 4, 2011.

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Attackers targeted about 40 South Korean government and private websites Friday, but officials reported no serious damage. The National Cyber Security Center said there were signs of a “denial of service” attack, in which large numbers of “zombie” computers try to connect to a site at the same time in an attempt to overwhelm the server. A top South Korean computer security company, AhnLab, said the targets included websites at South Korea’s presidential office, the Foreign Ministry, the National Intelligence Service, U.S. Forces Korea and some major financial

institutions.

The Korea Communications Commission said websites had reported no immediate damage. AhnLab spokesman Park Kun-woo said the attacks were similar to ones that have targeted South Korean websites in the past and involved some of the same sites. In 2009, some government websites in South Korea and the U.S. were paralyzed by a similar type of attack that South Korean officials believed was conducted by North Korea. But U.S. officials have largely ruled out North Korea as the origin, according to cybersecurity experts. It was not immediately clear where Friday’s attack originated. AhnLab said a computer user discovered a

bug in their system Thursday night. After analyzing it, AhnLab found malicious software designed to attack websites and told the targets in advance so that they could prepare. As a result, Park said, there had only been a brief slowing of some of the websites. AhnLab was providing free programs to repair infected computers. South Korean media have previously reported that North Korea runs an Internet warfare unit aimed at hacking into U.S. and South Korean military networks to gather information and disrupt service. Park said people also point to China as the source of cyberattacks because a large amount of malware, or malicious software, originates there. □

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After Galliano sacking

Celebrities avoid Dior show

PARIS – Celebrities made themselves scarce at Dior’s fall-winter 2011-12 ready-to-wear show after the luxury house’s public sacking of longtime designer John Galliano amid accusations he made anti-Semitic remarks. Dior is always among the most highly anticipated shows on the Paris fashion calendar, and flocks of A-list celebrities generally take up first-row perches for the house’s theatrical displays. Charlize Theron, Kate Moss and Kylie Minogue have graced the show with their photogenic presences in seasons past. But Dior officials unveiled a meager list of celebrity attendees seven names, mostly little-known French starlets including actress Melanie Laurent and Vanessa Paradis’ sister, Alysso Paradis. It was not even clear whether the head of Dior parent company LVMH Moët Hennessy, Bernard Arnault, would at-



John Galliano

tend. He was not immediately spotted among the guests filing into the show’s venue, a tent at Paris’ Rodin Museum. Dior CEO Sidney Toledano is expected to read a statement ahead of the show. The set, in icy blue, was decorated to look like a ballroom of a chic Hausmannian apartment.

Galliano, fired on Tuesday after a video of him saying “I love Hitler” went viral, was not expected to be at the show even though the collection was designed under his supervision. Rumor has it he was in rehab in Arizona, though Dior officials have declined to comment on his whereabouts. Security at the show was unusually high, with television teams being told they couldn’t speak to any celebrity guests. Security guards escorted photographers and camera crews into the venue, corralling them into the photo pit. Earlier a spokesman for the John Galliano fashion line said the label will not hold a runway show in Paris Fashion Week as originally planned, but instead will host a simple presentation of its latest collection. Label spokesman Alexandre Malgouyres said the site of the presentation and the guest list haven’t been decided yet. □

Oprah to host show in Cairo



US Star Oprah Winfrey is to host a live show from Cairo’s Tahrir Square.

CAIRO – US television talk show star Oprah Winfrey is to host a live show from Cairo’s Tahrir Square, the epicentre of a revolution that ousted Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak, a report said. Egypt’s new tourism minister Munir Fakhri Abdelnour was quoted by the state-owned Al-Ahram newspaper as saying Winfrey had accepted an invitation “without hesitation.” “The plan is for her to broadcast a live show from Tahrir

Square in March, but the date has not been finalised,” the mass-circulation paper said. It was part of a campaign to revive tourism in Egypt after the huge uprising that forced Mubarak to resign on February 11 after 30 years in power, the paper said. “The most famous TV hostess in the world accepted without hesitation,” Abdelnour as saying. There was no immediate confirmation from Winfrey, who in January launched her OWN cable network, aired in 145 countries around the world.

In December Winfrey made her first tapings outside North America, recording a series of episodes in Australia culminating in a finale at the specially renamed Sydney “Oprah House”.

Her reported visit to Cairo would be altogether different, focusing on the central Cairo square where pro-democracy activists gathered for more than two weeks in an uprising that sent shockwaves around the world.

The revolt against Mubarak’s rule was notable for the central role played by social networking sites, including Facebook and Twitter, to mobilise crowds to take to the streets. US President Barack Obama has hailed the toppling of the strongman as a defining moment in world history, and added that Tahrir Square itself had become deeply symbolic. “The word Tahrir means liberation. It’s a word that speaks to that something in our souls that cries out for freedom,” Obama said. □

Child star of Oscar-winning film faces deportation

TEL AVIV- Esther Aikpehae, 12, stars in an Academy Award-winning documentary. She is also facing deportation from the country which has been her home for a third of her life.

Karen Goodman and Kirk Simon’s “Strangers No More” won an Oscar for best short documentary on Sunday. It tells the story of Esther’s school where children of migrant workers and refugees from 48 states learn alongside native Israelis.

But the Oscar win is bitter-sweet for the school. Some 120 of its 830 pupils are facing deportation. The children’s parents are in Israel illegally and a government clampdown is looming.

Israel’s government set criteria last August to allow some 800 migrant children living across Israel to remain in the Jewish state with their families, but 400 minors do not qualify.

Esther, who comes from South Africa and is not Jewish, is one of them.



Esther Aikpehae

“I love Israel. I want to grow up in Israel. There’s a reason I came here and they can’t just decide one morning to deport all the children,” Esther says in fluent Hebrew.

Esther came to Israel with her father Immanuel in 2007. He says he fled after his wife was killed by people the family owed money to and claims it is too dangerous to return home.

Their home is a one-room flat in south Tel Aviv, where many migrants live in squalid conditions. Esther’s skinny ginger cat is named Shalom, Hebrew for ‘peace’. Her electric keyboard sits beside a makeshift vanity table and laptop computer.

She has been enjoying the media attention since the Academy awards and says she wants to be “an actress or a business-

woman” when she grows up, hopefully in Israel.

“I feel African-Israeli, not just Israeli. I speak the language, I’ve gotten used to it here,” Esther said.

But Esther has only been in Israel four years, one year less than the bar set by the government for those allowed to stay.

The Israeli government has been alarmed by an influx of illegal, non-Jewish migrants in recent years and is determined to crackdown on a phenomenon that it says will dilute the Jewish nature of the state.

“It’s my personal mission to preserve the Jewish majority in Israel,” Interior Minister Eli Yishai told Army radio this week.

Yishai has drawn widespread criticism from some lawmakers, rights groups and part of the Israeli media, who say a country which gave refuge to persecuted Jews should show greater leniency toward migrant workers and asylum seekers. □

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Charlie Sheen's 'Adonis DNA'



Charlie Sheen has practically invented a new language with his rants and ramblings.

NEW YORK – With “tiger blood,” “Adonis DNA” and his “fire-breathing fists,” Charlie Sheen has practically invented a new language with his rants and ramblings.

And while it may not rate an entry in Webster's, the sitcom star's batty, blustering poetry

has resounded in social media. Sheen gained 1 million Twitter followers in just 25 hours and 17 minutes record time, according to Guinness World Records, which keeps track of such obscure achievements and had not previously crowned a champion in that

particular category.

His unique lexicon grows daily, spreading rapidly over the Internet and onto T-shirts. On “The Alex Jones Show,” he said he has “poetry in my fingertips,” and added: “Most of the time and this includes naps I'm an F-18, bro. And I will destroy you in the air.”

He has frequently repeated his most famous sayings “winning,” “tiger blood” like trademarked catch phrases. Early Thursday, he announced his latest slogan er, “fastball” with more hype than a CBS promotion for his show, “Two and a Half Men.”

“Ready for my next fastball, world?” he wrote on Twitter. “PLAN BETTER Applies to everything where an excuse now sits.

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In Love's Twitter lawsuit

\$430k settlement reached after rants

LOS ANGELES – Courtney Love's 140 character Twitter rants against a fashion designer are costing her more than \$430,000, an attorney says.

The singer has settled a lawsuit filed by Dawn Simorangkir, who sued the Hole front-woman in March 2009 accusing her of making false statements about the designer and her past in a series of postings on the microblogging site Twitter and Love's Myspace blog. The settlement was confirmed by Simorangkir's attorney, Bryan J. Freedman. The designer's label is called Boudoir Queen, and according to her lawsuit, she first



Courtney Love

came in contact with Love in 2008 and they met in February 2009 in Los Angeles to discuss some custom clothing. The lawsuit contained several postings written under Love's

former Twitter account, courtneylover79, that accused Simorangkir of theft and of having a criminal background.

The widow of grunge rocker Kurt Cobain, Love has gained a reputation on the microblogging service Twitter, posting occasionally profane and sometimes nonsensical messages on a variety of topics. Several posts have lashed out at attorneys and other individuals who have drawn the musician's ire, with her Tweets coming in rapid succession and using every bit of the site's 140 character maximum per post. □



The Moroccan-born pole dancer Karima El Mahroug has been nicknamed “Ruby the Heart Stealer.”

Berlusconi's 'Ruby', belle of Vienna Ball

VIENNA – “Ruby”, the young woman at the heart of a sex scandal involving Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, was the star turn Thursday at the Vienna Opera Ball, a highlight of the Austrian social calendar.

The Moroccan-born pole dancer Karima El Mahroug, nicknamed “Ruby the Heart Stealer,” joined entrepreneur Richard Lugner in his box alongside former “Dallas” actor Larry Hagman who had swapped his usual cowboy hat for a top hat -- and attracted frenzied attention.

Dressed in a gold evening gown, the 18-year-old hogged the media limelight with photographers jostling to photograph her. A debutante even asked her to autograph her bouquet.

In recent years, the 78-year-old Lugner, who briefly starred in his own reality television show, secured the company of Baywatch stars Pamela Anderson and Carmen Electra, striptease queen Dita von Teese, and US socialite Paris Hilton.

This year however, Austrian tabloids chronicled his failure to get his first two choices as guests before picking US actress Bo Derek, whom he then dropped after she apparently made too many demands.

Opera Ball organiser Desiree Treichl-Stuergh quickly hit out at Lugner's latest guest.

“This is the biggest embarrassment that Mr. Lugner has ever made. It's sad, humiliating and disrespectful,” she said, threatening to cancel his box next year.

Opinions were also divided among ball guests, some praising Ruby's beauty, while others deemed her presence at this society event a “catastrophe.”

The young lady herself did not seem bothered by the massive attention and simply described the ball as “beautiful.” □



Doctors Use Stem Cells, to Create Brain Cells

WASHINGTON - In what experts are calling a significant step forward in Alzheimer's research, scientists have for the first time turned human embryonic stem cells and a form of human skin cell into a type of brain cell that's lost to Alzheimer's disease.

The disease-induced destruction of these cells, which are called "basal forebrain cholinergic" BFC neurons, is key to the progression of Alzheimer's.

Their death, say researchers, leads to memory-retrieval problems, one of the most disabling aspects of the illness. Similarly, BFC loss also impairs spatial learning.

But the new study suggests that scientists could someday create a virtually unlimited supply of these neurons in a laboratory setting. This



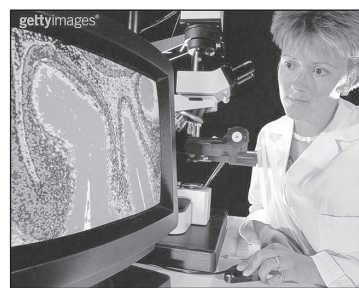
"I like to be very cautious, and not tell people that now we have a treatment for Alzheimer's."

should help deepen scientific research into Alzheimer's by allowing the scientists to rapidly test thousands of different drugs on the neurons to see which drugs keep them alive under various conditions research that could enhance the

development of new drugs against the disease.

Much further in the future, but possible, is the notion of transplanting healthy, lab-grown neurons back into the brains of Alzheimer's patients as treatment. □

Tissue analysis may help Cancer Outcome



"We think the cancer cells start to pull on the collagen and straighten it out, forming a track or highway on which the cells can migrate," study senior author Patricia Keely.

WASHINGTON - An analysis of breast tissue may help doctors better predict outcomes for women with breast cancer, a new study reports.

Researchers analyzed what they describe as "highways" of connective tissue in breast cancer tumors, and found that the way collagen fibers the main component of connec-

tive tissue are arranged may aid in a patient's diagnosis and help determine treatment. Collagen not only surrounds most body organs and helps provide structure for the body, it also tells cells how to behave, the study authors noted. Normally, a close-up of collagen resembles a jumbled path or a plate of cooked spaghetti. In the new study, the researchers analyzed tumor cells from 200 patients with invasive breast cancer. The investigators found signs that the collagen began to act differently as the tumors progressed.

"We think the cancer cells start to pull on the collagen and straighten it out, forming a track or highway on which the cells can migrate," study senior author Patricia Keely, an associate professor of cell

and regenerative biology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, said in a university news release. As the highways became more developed, the prognoses for patients worsened, the study found. "We have identified a novel collagen-signature system that may become a very useful addition to the tools clinicians use to determine a breast cancer patient's prognosis," Keely explained.

The research is published in the March issue of the American Journal of Pathology.

Commenting on the study, Dr. Priscilla A. Furth, a professor of oncology and medicine at Georgetown University's Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, described it as an example of "valid basic research." □

Pfizer arthritis drug meets goals of trial

BOSTON - Pfizer Inc said that its experimental rheumatoid arthritis drug met the main goals of a late-stage clinical trial, a welcome boost for the world's largest drugmaker as it seeks new products to offset those that are losing patent protection. The drug, tofacitinib, is one of the most important in Pfizer's pipeline. The company said the safety profile of the drug was consistent with that seen previously in the clinical program, and no new safety signals were seen. The trial showed the drug reduced the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis by a statistically significant amount compared with a placebo at six months. The drug improved physical function by a significant amount at three months. It also showed significantly greater disease remission at six months.

The trial tested the drug in patients with moderate to severe disease who had failed to respond adequately to traditional therapies. The trial is the second of six late-stage trials. Results of the first were released last November. Results from the remaining four are expected to be released by the middle of this year. □

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El Carnaval de Río de Janeiro comienza con su bacanal

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) - Los parranderos ya han comenzado a llenar las calles y a bailar samba en la celebración del Carnaval de este balneario, una bacanal de música, alcohol y sensualidad que comienza oficialmente el viernes cuando el Rey Momo recibe las llaves de la ciudad.

El rollizo Rey Momo personifica al Carnaval, una fiesta en que todos participan y se permiten todo tipo de excesos, mientras que el orden natural de las cosas está “patas arriba”: los hombres se visten como mujer, los pobres desfilan como reyes y todos se olvidan de sus actividades cotidianas por unos días.

Este año se espera que la celebración atraiga a unos 756.000 visitantes, entre turistas nacionales y extranjeros, y se prevé que la ocupación de los hoteles sea de 100% y los ingresos lleguen a unos 559 millones de dólares, según el departamento de turismo del estado de Río de Janeiro.

Las fiestas pre-carnavales le dieron una atmósfera de desenfreno a Río de Janeiro desde hace unas semanas, pero también han ocurrido algunas desgracias para los participantes. Una bodega con más de 8.000 disfraces de los grupos concursantes en el Carnaval se incendió a comienzos de febrero y esto obligó a que las organizaciones se esforzaran durante semanas para reponer las pérdidas antes de los desfiles del



Una pareja de jóvenes bailan samba en el Sambadrome en Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, el viernes 4 de marzo, 2011. Brazil estará celebrando su carnaval hasta el 8 de marzo. (AP Photo/ Silvia Izquierdo)

domingo y el lunes. La policía concluyó el jueves en una investigación que el incendio no fue provocado.

El 20 de febrero murió una mujer en Río de Janeiro luego de caer de un camión con un equipo de sonido que promovía el Carnaval, y ocho días después en el estado de Minas Gerais varias personas fueron electrocutadas por un cable eléctrico mientras

bailaban en una calle repleta. En el percance murieron 16 personas y decenas resultaron heridas.

Estas pérdidas generaron duelo, pero no opacaron los preparativos para la mayor fiesta del país. Este año participarán 424 bandas musicales callejeras y grupos de samba, además de que se

esperan otras fiestas en las calles. Las bandas pasan por todas las zonas de la ciudad e interpretan sus canciones seguidas de miles y miles de personas que bailan y beben animadamente. Y por encima de todo esto está el mando del Rey Momo. “Es el líder físico y espiritual de la ciudad y su felicidad es omnipresente”,

dijo Haroldo Costa, autor de varios libros sobre las tradiciones de carnaval de Brasil.

Río de Janeiro ha tenido reyes Momo desde la década de 1930, cuando el primero, un periodista de deportes corpulento y aficionado a la bebida, fue elegido por sus colegas para desfilarse por la ciudad con ropa colorida.

Desde ese primer Rey Momo se estableció como requisito que los reyes tuvieran sobrepeso, en parte como símbolo de los excesos. De hecho en el 2004 Río de Janeiro estipuló que todos los que compitieran por el puesto pesaran por lo menos 150 kilos (330 libras). Pero ante el aumento de la diabetes y la obesidad en Brasil la ciudad removi6 ese requisito y muchas otras han hecho lo mismo.

El actual Rey Momo de Río de Janeiro, Milton Rodrigues, ha mantenido el puesto desde el 2008, pero al principio tenía el temor de no ser demasiado corpulento.

“Existía el tabú de que no se podía ser rey si no eras gordo”, dijo Rodrigues, “Pero siempre amé el Carnaval y viví para él desde que era adolescente, incluso iba a los ensayos de las escuelas de samba a bailar”. Irónicamente, el problema que tiene ahora Rodrigues es controlar su peso. Sabe que pesa más de 150 kilos, pero no ha deseado conocer la cantidad real. □

Canciller brasileño analiza en China comercio bilateral

BEIJING (AP) - El canciller brasileño Antonio Patriota concluyó el viernes una visita oficial a China en la que analizó el comercio bilateral, compensaciones económicas y temas internacionales, entre ellos la situación en Libia.

Patriota dijo que se entrevistó con su contraparte Yang Jiechi, el ministro de Comercio Chen Deming y el primer ministro Wen Jiabao con quienes mantuvo productivas conversaciones en su visita de dos días.

Patriota dijo el viernes a los reporteros que estableció los cimientos para la visita del mes próximo de la presidenta Dilma Rousseff, el primer viaje de la mandataria al extranjero desde que tomó posesión del cargo.

Rousseff asistirá a la conferencia cimera del BRIC, en la que figura además Rusia, la India y China, en la ciudad meridional china de Hainan Island. China es la principal socia comercial de Brasil. □

EEUU está dispuesto a dar más dinero a América Central

WASHINGTON (AP) - Estados Unidos está dispuesto a proveer recursos adicionales a las naciones centroamericanas para combatir el crimen organizado pero asigna aún más importancia al entrenamiento y fortalecimiento institucional, dijo el viernes la secretaria de Estado estadounidense Hillary Rodham Clinton tras recibir al canciller costarricense.

Clinton dijo a reporteros, sin precisar una cifra, que el gobierno estadounidense tiene un compromiso financiero “sustancial” con los esfuer-

zos contra el narcotráfico en América Central pero agregó que “nuestra experiencia indica que los dólares solos no son suficientes”.

El presupuesto que el presidente Barack Obama envió al Congreso el mes pasado para el año fiscal 2012 mantiene en 100 millones de dólares los fondos para la iniciativa de seguridad en América Central (CARSI, por sus siglas en inglés), pero los gobiernos centroamericanos sostienen que un plan regional equivalente a la Iniciativa Mérida, que brinda apoyo a

México, costaría 900 millones de dólares.

El reporte anual sobre narcotráfico internacional que el Departamento de Estado difundió la víspera designó a Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panamá y Guatemala como traficantes principales. Clinton explicó que en ocasiones la cooperación más eficiente consiste en el entrenamiento policial, el fortalecimiento de un sistema judicial independiente, los programas para detectar lavado de dinero y el patrullaje costero y fronterizo. □

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